



WHEN CPL. LeROY Oughton of the First Student Training Regiment was ordered to represent his regiment as an observer at the Mother's Day lottery the other day, he had no idea what luck his presence would bring him. Major General Leven C. Allen plunged in his hand and whose name should be pulled out of the glass bowl but that of Mrs. Madeleine Oughton of New Brunswick, N. J., the Corporal's mother. Mother and son are shown above during a recent four-day visit back home.

Phenix City Sets Midnight Curfew

Want 'Safety for Soldiers,' To Collect Dangerous Weapons

A midnight curfew for Fort Benning soldiers was established by the city commissioners of Phenix City on Tuesday, "to make Phenix City just as safe a place for Uncle Sam's soldiers to visit as it is possible to make it," said Commissioner H. D. Cobb, who introduced the resolution calling for a curfew law.

At the same time commissioners also ordered Phenix City Chief of Police J. W. Perry to have collected all pistols, blackjacks, and other weapons kept by owners and employees of cafes and nightclubs.

Thru The Peepsight

G. I. Summary Of World News

BY SGT. O. J. REMINGTON

AS NAZI DEFENSES begin crumbling before determined onslaughts of American and British forces in Tunisia, the Germans are stepping up attacks against the Russian army in the Caucasus, indicating that a full scale spring offensive may soon be under way there.

Dispatches from Moscow state that Germans are attacking with assaults so heavy as to "indicate that this may be the real thing." So far, Russian lines are holding firm. The German army is sending up reinforcements and are bringing up hundreds of airplanes to cut off the Caucasus theater.

In Africa the Axis defense lines were bending dangerously at several spots and breakthroughs are imminent as Allied forces continue heavy pressure. Reports are that Rommel has disappeared from Africa, as the Allies batter at the gates of Mateur. Allied planes have shot down 20 significant transports loaded with men and all-important oil, to keep reinforcements of men and materials from reaching the beleaguered Axis forces.

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Small Unit Leader's Efficiency Key To U.S. Victory---Raff

BY COLONEL EDSON D. RAFF

(Editor's Note: Colonel Edson D. Raff, a 35-year-old pioneer member of the Army's Paratroopers who trained at Fort Benning, recently returned to this country from Tunisia where he led his troops in action against the foe. Colonel Raff, who has received four decorations, will assume command of a larger unit with his promotion to full colonel.)

In this article, written especially for the Fort Benning Bayonet, Colonel Raff vividly reveals how, in the heat of battle, the higher commander needs confidence in the ingenuity and courage of his Small Unit Leaders.)

The part I had in the fighting in Tunisia has proven to me the vital importance of having competent small-unit leaders. In the heat of battle, it is their action which may mean the difference between failure and success.

It is not difficult to recognize a good squad leader or a good platoon leader. He radiates confidence—confidence born of guts backed by knowledge of what to do and how to do it. Too, he knows his men—their personal history, their troubles, their capabilities. On the battlefield, he keeps abreast of the enemy situation; he checks the supply of ammunition; he looks to the physical condition of his men, and to a hundred other details. His men look to him, knowing full well that, should the occasion demand, he can drive them forward by sheer force of will.

To all small-unit leaders, and to those who in the future will achieve such leadership, let me say:

Not is the responsibility alone yours, but yours, too, is

the privilege of leading in battle the most willing, the most intelligent, the best all-round soldier in the world today—the American private. Lead him through Hell, if you wish—he'll follow. And as your unit drives on toward the foe, he'll give his life, if need be, so that you, his leader, may live.

Sweat now, learn now, teach now, so that on the inevitable day when your men face the enemy, they will feel nothing but supreme confidence in that most awesome of all moments. And remember that, though it be the general who is credited with the victory, he knows that it is the unbending faith, the indomitable will of the small-unit leaders, which played a large part in making possible that victory.

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Fourteen Mothers Will Be Special Guests At Post

First Troop Carriers Plan For Birthday

Full Program Will Mark First Anniversary At Lawson Friday

The first birthday of the First Troop Carrier Command of which Lawson Field at Fort Benning is a component will be celebrated next Friday, and elaborate plans have been made to mark the day.

The Officers' Club at Lawson Field will have open house from 8 to 10 p. m. (EWT). An 80-pound cake will be baked for the occasion and served during the open house with other refreshments.

Similar plans are being made for the Lawson Field Mess. Appropriate decorations will be given the individual men.

Lawson Field, commanded by Lt. Col. John E. Albert, became a member of the First Troop Carrier Command in September 1942.

The mission of the command is to fly personnel and supplies from fixed bases to the front lines, two gliders, and transport paratroopers to points behind the enemy lines.

A unit of the command is now in action in North Africa. Recent reports from that front relate how planes of the command operated at low altitudes to avoid anti-aircraft fire and drop supplies and personnel to the front lines.

The headquarters of the command are at Scott Field, Indiana, and the command is divided into four groups.

Benning To Cooperate

Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of Fort Benning, said Wednesday that the post would gladly cooperate with all requests made by Phenix City law-enforcing agencies in connection with the curfew.

Established to prohibit the serving of food or drink to army personnel after midnight, EWT.

Mayor E. E. Reese and Commissioner A. E. Guittan enthusiastically endorsed Commissioner Cobb's resolution.

DRIVE ON VICE

Taking cognizance of the recent drive of Chief Perry's department against gambling and of Russell county "heat" put on by Sheriff H. Ralph Matthews and his officers, a

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Midway Hero Visits Uncle, Gen. Weems

Lieutenant Numbers One of 15 Weemses In Armed Forces

One of the first Americans to sight the Jap fleet off Midway Island, Lieutenant Thomas N. Weems, Jr., navigator in the U. S. Air Corps and nephew of Brigadier General George H. Weems, is now ready to go back in action hunting for more of the Japs.

Lieut. Weems, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Weems of Model, Tenn., has been visiting his uncle at Fort Benning during a 30-day sick leave, and departed last week for a few days with his brother, John Weems, a pilot for Pan American Airways at Brownsville, Tex. He will then report to the Army Air Corps Replacement Pool as a navigator.

General Weems is justly proud of this latest member of his family to achieve fame in military service. Thirteen other "fighting Weemses" are now in the armed forces including one WAAC, Captain Mary Catherine Weems, a niece of the general, now holding Fort Benning.

General Weems conducted the young lieutenant to various demonstrations at Fort Benning to show him the latest methods of infantry instruction. He also watched the training of troops in the combat development of the infantry officers and soldiers at

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Lucky Mothers, Luckier Sons

SOLDIER MOTHER 4TH SERVICE COMMAND UNITS

St. Sgt. Jerry M. Allen, Bakers and Cooks School, Cpl. William H. Banks, Jr., Detachment, Med. Dept., Pfc. Joseph Causey, Bakers and Cooks School, No. 2

Pfc. Elmer A. Hill, Jr., 54th Base Hq. and Base Sq.

Pvt. John O. Ensor, 1st Academic Company, Pfc. John S. Fisher, Co. D, 1st PTR

Cpl. LeRoy Oughton, 1st PTR, T. 5 John F. Zbydowski, 764th Tank Bn. Light, Pfc. Joseph L. Wolf, 176th Infantry, Cpl. Vincent J. Esposito, Co. H, 300th Infantry, Sgt. John T. McConico, Provisional Truck Regt.

St. Sgt. Ralph A. Lunn, Hqs. 90th Recon. Bn., St. Sgt. Eugene M. Prasek, Co. B, 11th Armored Regt., Cpl. James Evans, 420th Field Artillery

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Mother's Day Plans May 7-9 Completed

Mothers of fourteen soldiers at Fort Benning, coming from their homes in ten different states, will be guests of the post May 7 through May 9 for the special Mother's Day program which has been arranged by Brigadier General Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of the post.

Selected by lottery, the mothers have sons in various units of Fort Benning. All of the expenses for the railroad trip to Fort Benning and home again are to be defrayed by the Chaplains' Fund.

The ten different states which will be represented on the Mother's Day program are Tennessee, Texas, Maryland, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, Connecticut, New York, Florida, and Arkansas.

Two mothers are coming to the post from Maryland, two from Chicago, Ill., two from Tennessee, and two from New York.

HOW ALLOCATED

The allocation of the number of mothers to be determined by the proportionate strength of the units. Three mothers of soldiers in the Fourth Service Command unit have been invited, two mothers of soldiers in the Parachute School, five of soldiers assigned to the Infantry School, three from the Tenth Armored Division, and one from Lawson Field.

Scheduled to arrive at the post Friday, May 7, the mothers will be met at the Columbus railroad station by their sons and special service officers of the units to which their sons are assigned. The mothers will then be taken to the main post where Lt. Col. Frank M. Thompson, chief of chaplains, will welcome them and assign them quarters in the various hostess houses.

SPECIAL DINNER

Friday night there will be a special dinner for the mothers.

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Chilean Visitor In Tokyo During Doolittle's Raid

Mario Planet Says Japs Hate All Whites Including Axis Partners

Mario Planet, writer for La Hora of Santiago de Chile, who visited Fort Benning, Ga., Friday with a group of Latin American editors, had the novel experience of being in Tokyo the day the city was bombed by General Jimmie Doolittle's American flyers.

Planet was on a newspaper assignment in Japan at the time and watched the air attack from the limbs of a tree he climbed. While the physical damage wrought was slight, the psychological effect on the inhabitants of Tokyo was considerable, Planet declared.

"For several weeks after the raid, the 'Tokoyoncos' suffered a terrible case of jitters," the correspondent said. "They expected a wave of bombing to follow the initial raid at any moment. Failure of the Americans to follow up the bombing had a tremendous effect on their nerves."

Planet said that the Japanese people have had instilled in them an intense hatred, not only for Americans, but for all members of the white race, Germans included.

ITALIANS CATCH IT

"But the Italian nationals living in Japan are really the ones who bear the brunt of Jap insolence and insults. Their mistreatment at the hands of their allies was truly amazing," he said.

He recalled that the Japanese have been quoted as having told the Germans that for their assistance in the Pacific war they would have the honor of being the last white nation to be driven from the Orient.

Discussing the Japanese manner in the street, Planet said that he has no opinion of his own as he thinks is molded by what he has read in the Jap press and through the Japanese propaganda radio.

PUNCHES JAP

Asked if he had suffered at the hands of the Japs, Planet related that he had been forced to "take a punch" at a Jap who attempted to grab his camera as he was "shooting" a picture of a particularly beautiful girl he saw in a Tokyo park. His punch resulted in a dozen Japs ganging up on him and he was forced to take refuge in the Colombian legation. Planet said that for several days afterward, he exercised extreme cau-

Post Hq. Civilians Go 100 Per Cent In Bond Purchases

One hundred percent of the civilian employees at post headquarters are subscribing to the war bond program under the pay reservation plan, according to Major George Fink, war bond officer.

Coming to the top in a sudden burst, this civilian group according to Major Fink showed a gain of thirty-four percent during the past month. Its last month's average being only sixty-six percent.

Other civilian groups on the post have shown similar increases in the size and number of reservations an dthe major added that Fort Benning civilians have come a long way toward qualifying under the 90 percent-10 percent plan requested by the Secretary of War. Under this program, civilian employees of the War Department are asked to contribute 10 percent of their salary monthly to the purchase of war bonds.

Major Claypool Named Executive

Major B. E. Claypool is new executive officer of the 1st STR. Major Claypool formerly the Regimental Supply Officer of the 1st Infantry Division, from Arcata, Calif., and is both a graduate of the College of the Pacific and The University of Southern California.



EX-SENATORS MEET—Buddy Lewis (left) of The Infantry School nine and Cecil Travis, Camp Wheeler star, were crack infielders and the top hitters just two seasons ago with the Washington Senators in the American League. Sunday, they met again at Gowdy Field for the first time since their paths separated upon entering the Army. Both batted clean-up for the rival teams in a game which Wheeler won.—(Signal Lab Photo by Stock.)

Secret Nobody Told Takes Toll Of Lives

Enemy Pieces Together Bits Of Info Innocently Spilled

Just before dawn, six weeks from today, United States war and troop ships will slide over the horizon unseen and approach a certain enemy island. As dawn breaks, our warships will begin an intense bombardment while our troops race for the shore in invasion barges. Simultaneously, roaring down on the island, United States paratroop planes will arrive overhead, the sky will blossom with 'chutes and 10 minutes later our men will have the surprised enemy's airfield. Six hours later our invading forces will be mopping up, and not too many days later you'll be smiling as you read in the headlines of a United States victory.

But will you? Is that what you'll be reading? Or will the enemy's "bits and pieces" system have done its job? You see . . . last Tuesday evening, on a bus, the wife of a shipping clerk in an Iowa drug house remarked to a friend: "We're staying home tonight—A's tired. He shipped 80 cases of quinine to the Army today."

And last night, in a restaurant, a friend of a friend of a soldier said to her girl friend: "Helen found out why Earl hasn't written lately. He's all right—it's just that his arm's been swollen from inoculations. Don't know why he got 'em, though—he was inoculated before, when he first joined the paratroops."

And in a lot of other places a lot of other people—as Americans always have—talked about their jobs, their friends, and what they were doing. And a few of their remarks were heard by the enemy. Many more were not overheard—the enemy isn't everywhere, doesn't hear everything. But some were heard by enemy agents and sympathizers whose instructions are: "Keep your eyes and ears open. Mingle with people. Report everything you hear—don't try to judge its value yourself. Leave that to those who are higher than you."

And now—today—a man is studying those tiny "bits and pieces" those seemingly harmless scraps of information from all parts of the country. "Quinine for the Army . . . the tropics, eh? And 80 cases means a lot of men. Interesting." He continues to go through mass through other reports. Some he discards and lays aside. Others are filed and indexed for possible future reference. "Two days later . . . paratroops inoculated . . . "Now, why? Must have been inoculated once—why again? Expecting to encounter new diseases, maybe? Tropical diseases, perhaps?"

Jowa City—heard man in movie lobby talking about neighbor's son named 'Tom.' Son being trained in coast-invasion tactics in Texas . . .

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neighbor hasn't heard from son lately . . . "Hasn't heard lately—maybe he's sailed."

Harmless Remarks Tell Enemy Plenty

From the files under "Sailing," a report of 2 weeks ago, Denver—". . . a woman said her nephews, John Wykowski, had sailed."

From the files under "List of Men Whose Divisions Are Known," . . . heard girl ask friend, Stella Wykowski, if she'd heard from brother lately. Stella W. replied, "Yes, he's in Texas with 24th Infantry." "So the 24th of Texas has sailed . . . and another soldier in Texas, with special invasion training, seems to have sailed, too—looks like one and the same thing. One division of invasion troops sailing . . . quinine shipped . . . paratroops inoculated, probably against tropical diseases . . . could they be going after one of our tropical islands, perhaps?"

And so he continues, studying, sifting a steady flow of bits and pieces of information. Many are useless. Few mean much in themselves. But the men who study them are like men working on huge jig-saw puzzles—piecing together scraps of information—checking, confirming, and judging one against another—watching their pictures—our plans slowly take shape.

Some pictures are never finished—the missing pieces don't come in. Few pictures are completed to the last detail. But they don't have to be. "Looks like they're after one of our islands. Can't find out which one . . . or exactly when. But it must be soon. And it's in the tropics—so it has to be one of these six." So the word goes out. And in that carefully planned attack—about which nobody talked . . . very much—many of our ships are sunk by enemy subs lying in wait. Others of our men are thrown back into the sea by numerically superior forces . . . our paratroops and planes are caught by a swarm of fast enemy fighters. And that's what you read about—unsmiling—in your morning paper.

THAT STORY IS FICTION, OF COURSE. But it's true in this way—that's actually how enemy agents work in this war. It's a highly developed system—a "bits and pieces" system of assembling and



PENNIES ADD up to war bond—Bill McKenney, 12-year-old soda pop salesman at Gowdy field, was caught by the Infantry school cameraman, turning his pennies in to Miss Vera Mullins for a war bond this week. Billy had \$37.50, mostly in small coins, earned selling soda. And he found he had 11 cents left over to start saving for a new bond. Billy had his baseball glove and baseball cap with him, for he had just finished a rip-snorting game with the Tommyhawk baseball club. He's a red hot third baseman—and a darned good patriot. (Infantry School Photo.)

guessing important information . . . from many scraps of what appears to be harmless information.

Little Secrets Add Up to Big Ones

Ordinarily little facts, you see, the kind of things anyone might know, such as a soldier's location; where he is, where he's going, how or when . . . may supply the missing pieces in the enemy's jig-saw puzzle. Chance remarks about his equipment, what he's doing, the name or number of the outfit he's in, the fact that he's sailing . . . could be valuable clues.

And not only soldiers—the same goes for planes and ships (and double for convoys) and their crews. What kind of ship or plane? How big? Where are we building new ones? How many? What kind? When will they be finished? What changes in design?

And production, too—"they use a lot of bronze" (sounds like naval guns to a spy) . . . "A funny little gadget like a watch and it has a lot of wheels" (means bomb timers to the enemy) . . . "Frank runs a lathe" (that makes 19 the enemy has counted in his factory) . . . "Charley's making 20 pounds of optical glass a day (20X31 men—620 pounds) . . .

Even ship sinkings—"It was terrible—we saw them from the shore. The men came swimming and rowing in all day." (The enemy wasn't sure he'd sunk that ship.)

But My Sister Is No Spy

And neither is your cousin, your uncle, your friends. But if you talk—even to them—why shouldn't they talk to someone else? And that "someone" will tell another person . . . who can tell a third . . . who'll pass it on . . . till eventually, somewhere in the chain, the enemy hears it. He doesn't care who he hears it from . . . or whether it's first or fifth hand. So don't start a chain. And don't keep up someone else's. Don't pass on information you hear.

But What About Things So Many Talk About?

The enemy must know about those things, too, you'd think. But that's wrong—the enemy won't know . . . if those hundreds of people don't talk. In 1918 a German submarine was sunk at Scapa Flow in Scotland. Its captain had been ordered to attack the British Grand Fleet there. Yet the Grand Fleet had left Scapa Flow a year before—as all Scotland knew. But the Germans didn't know. Because the Scots hadn't talked.

The enemy can't be everywhere, you see. Something big may be happening—thousands know about it—and it just happens there's not an enemy within a hundred miles. Especially here, because the FBI's nabbed so many of them—you've read about that. So the enemy's depending more than ever on his "bits and pieces" system for finding out about it later. But he won't find out . . . if we don't tell him.

Hoover Knows His Espionage Agents

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, has a thorough understanding of how enemy agents work—he's studied, fought, and so many of them. He says:

"Certain key words will tell you what types of information our enemies are espe-

cially anxious to get hold of. Read these key words . . . study them . . . remember them."

"WHERE . . . are our soldiers, ships, planes? Are our aircraft carriers, gun emplacements, factories, mine fields, harbor defenses? Where are war weapons manufactured?"

"HOW . . . are our men going? How are they armed and equipped? How are our planes, tanks, and other weapons made? How well or poorly do they perform? How are they changed in design?"

"WHEN . . . are men going? When will that ship be launched? When does it sail? When will that production job be finished?"

"HOW MANY . . . troops, ships, planes, tanks, other weapons, war materials? How many being made? And will be made?"

"WHAT KIND . . . of duty is he doing . . . training is he getting to the enemy? What kind of work is he doing in war production? What kind of regiment is he with, and its name? What's the name of his ship? What kind of a ship, plane, is it? What kind of cargo?"

"Of course, that's only a suggestion of the kind of information our enemies need. No list of any kind could be even nearly complete. What would we like to know about our enemies—their men, their training, their location, their plans, their production? Well, that's what they want to know about us."

Can We Talk About Anything?

Of course. Just remember this rule:

If you HEAR it from someone—don't repeat it.

If you SEE it yourself—don't repeat it.

But if you READ it in newspapers or magazines or hear it on the radio, then it's public property—and you may talk about it. Of course, you mustn't repeat information you read in personal letters. If you heard from a soldier, for example, that he was in Liberia, you shouldn't mention it to anyone. But when it's been officially announced—that is, when you read it in the newspapers and magazines or hear it on the radio—why, of course, you can talk about.

Marshall, King Address Nation

We Americans have always been used to talking without looking over our shoulders wondering who's listening. We're pretty jealous of our freedom of speech. So keeping quiet about bits of information that may seem unimportant . . . learning to force ourselves to stop and think before we talk . . . is going to be quite a job for us. But when you think of what could happen if you don't . . . it shouldn't be too hard. And all of us in the services—and our lives and success—are depending on you . . . to think before you talk." G. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, United States Army and E. J. King, Commander in Chief of the U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations.

Chaplain Kuhn Joins 'Gators; Is Linguist

Chaplain Stephen F. Kuhn, former missionary in Puerto Rico for nine years, this month reported for duty with the 124th Infantry to assume his post with the Alligator Regiment.

A native of Erie, Pa., Father Kuhn received his commission January 4, 1942, and immediately reported to the Chaplain's School at Harvard University for a course of training before arriving at Fort Benning to assume his first Army assignment.

Chaplain Kuhn, who attended Redeemer School of St. Mary in Pennsylvania and the Mount Saint Alphonsus Seminary at Esopus, N. Y., where he was ordained in 1926, spent three and a half years as pastor of the St. Mary's Church in Buffalo, N. Y., before going to Puerto Rico. He speaks German, Spanish and Italian fluently.

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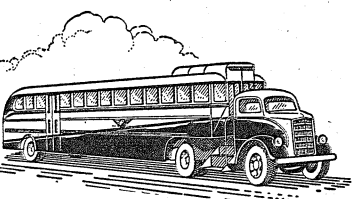
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Ortiz Defends Puerto Rico

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Poverty Stricken

It was the belief that he had not fully repaid this country for its freedom and education opportunities that led Officer Candidate Jose Ortiz to join the army. He is now working for his second lieutenant's commission in the 11th Company of the Third Student Training Regiment.

A native of Puerto Rico, Ortiz came to this country to complete his college education, began at the University of Puerto Rico. With the pride characteristic of his fellows, he declined an offer by an uncle in Cleveland to "ride" over his college term financially.

He eventually applied in Detroit for a position in his pocket and a burning determination to attend Wayne University in that city. He spent on park benches several nights before finding a job which enabled him to afford lodgings at the YMCA. While attending Wayne he met the future Mrs. Ortiz.

After completing their course at college, the couple returned to Puerto Rico where Ortiz did newspaper and radio work until his appointment was information specialist for the Farm Security Administration.

Ortiz has another ambition besides his army career and that is dispelling the popular conception that Puerto Rico is for the most part, run down and poverty stricken.

Sports quarters in London have suggested a United Nations Olympic games to be held in that English city.

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Jap Prisoners Docile, Obedient, Marine Says

Refused Chance To Escape,
Major, At Benning, Reports

Two marine officers now attending new division officer course who were among the initial assault on Guadalcanal Aug. 7, 1942. They are Maj. Michael J. Davidowitch and Maj. Lawrence V. Patterson of the 1st Marine Division.

Major Davidowitch, provost marshal on Guadalcanal, was in charge of hundreds of war prisoners for several weeks and had but one attempted escape; this by two fliers, one of whom was killed in the attempt and the other captured.

Major Davidowitch said that for the first four or five days after the capture the Japs were sullenly obedient, but after their initial surprise of not being killed by the Americans, as they had been told they would be, they became cooperative and at times even helpful.

Such an example of downright submission was shown by Japs even though it was practically impossible to tell friend from foe, several Japs were observed to have picked up sub-machine guns and handed them back to their American captors with their infamous "obey" grin.

JAPS OBEY COMMANDS
Major Davidowitch stated that Jap troop discipline seemed excellent, and that they obeyed American commands almost to the letter. He expressed his wish to return there some day.

Major Patterson, rifle company commander who was twice wounded in the initial phases of the battle for Guadalcanal, was far from complimentary concerning the island.

KNOWS JAP TACTICS
Major Patterson participated in several major engagements and is an authority on Japanese tactics. His two wounds were caused by grenades and if he had been a grenadier had been American, he wouldn't be here today to tell about it. He cited one instance where a squad of marines was pitted against several Japs in what was little more than a grenade duel, the contestants being not more than 20 to 30 paces apart.

Dozens of grenades were hurled by both sides, and when the marines suddenly charged the Jap position with bayonets, they found only a few live Japs, these in a stupor from the concussion of the grenades that had been lobbed among them.

One Jap officer, sword in one hand and pistol in the other, was dazed running around a tree with a lieutenant in hot pursuit but unable to catch him. Suddenly the marine reversed his direction and met the Jap officer head on, and proceeded to put him on the road to Jap heaven with his service automatic.

Major Patterson is high in his praise for the courage of the Jap officers, although they seem to foolishly sacrifice their lives while leading charges well out in front of their men. In one instance the commanding officer of a whole movement led his men in a flanking attack and was killed.

TWO-HANDED BLADES
And about the swords carried by the Jap officers, it was learned that ranking non-coms also carry the huge two-handed blade. They are as sharp as a razor and can easily lop off a man's head. However, in one case it was a marine

corporal who did the lopping. After wresting the sword from the hands of an officer, this marine corporal proceeded to shave off the ears of the Nip and then relieve him of his head. This same corporal led numerous bayonet charges against Jap positions and was finally killed in one of the furthest battles. For his valor he was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Although an order was issued that killing of livestock was prohibited, several steaked bovines were found, and in the heat of battle, they could be heard chattering and screaming to one another.

FEW SNAKES
Few snakes were seen on the island. As a matter of fact, all the game seems to disappear because of the noise of battle. Birds were the toughest of the lot to get with, however, and in the heat of battle, they could be heard chattering and screaming to one another.

Both officers said that many good American boys died on Guadalcanal and that if it were their lot to instruct marine recruits, that they hoped the hard and bitter lessons they had learned in the Pacific, would stand strong and future marines in good stead.

Noted Artist TIS Enrollee

Lee's Oils, Water
Colors, Pastels
Nationally Known

Percy Myron Lee, nationally known artist whose oils, water colors and pastels have been exhibited in New York and Boston galleries and whose commercial works have appeared in leading magazines, is acquainting himself with the arts of warfare as an officer candidate with the 23rd Company, Third Student Training Regiment.

Forty years of age, Lee expects to become an aerial observer upon his graduation late in June. He was inducted in the army last summer and was sent to Miami Beach, Fla., where he was placed in the Air Corps public relations and special service department. While stationed there he did pastel portraits of the commanding officers and cartooning for the camp paper.

Lee, a New Yorker, studied art at the University of Washington and in 1925 went to Europe, spending four years at the Beaux Arts in Paris and a short period in Spain. He made another trip abroad a few years later, traveling through the Orient and touring Italy on a bicycle to sketch and paint Renaissance settings.

In 1930 he returned to America, married and set up a studio in an abandoned Long Island, N. Y. lighthouse. Many of his works in recent years have been used as magazine covers.

5 Johnsons Same Company Have System

Much to their discomfort, the Johnsons, all five of them, form the forward echelon of the 11th Company, Third Student Training Regiment.

For the first few weeks of the class, the instructors had a virtual field day every time they called out "Johnson" and five voices would pipe: "Who, me, sir?"

After an appraisal of the situation, however, the five candidates named Johnson, hit upon a strategy. Now, when the instructor shouts the name, only one Johnson responds with "Who, me, sir?" which inevitably is followed with "You'll do." In this manner, the five Johnsons split the blow five ways.

Usually it is the Jones, the Smiths or Browns who predominate but in this company there isn't even a Murphy. There are, however, a few groups with twin names and they use the "hesitating rise" method quite effectively when called upon.

12 Gator Officers Get Promotions

Gold turned to Silver, and Silver doubled itself in the 124th Infantry last week as twelve Gator officers received promotions.

Four captains included 1st Lt. Joel McMillan, Company K, Maxey S. Crews, Company E, Benjamin C. Price, Co. G., and Hugh T. Lawson of Hqs. Co., 3rd Battalion.

The eight 1sts, receiving silver

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It Was Bound To Pass; WAAC Weds Officer

First member of the 43rd Post Headquarters Company of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Fort Benning to wed while in service is Auxiliary Gertrude Lybrand of Birmingham, Ala., who married First Lieut. Gordon Ransome in her home town last Friday.

In a romance centered at Fort Benning, Auxiliary Ransome first met Lt. Ransome while he was attending the Infantry School here. Later she joined the WAACs, and was assigned here after basic training at Daytona Beach, Fla. But, by that time, the lieutenant had graduated, and journeyed to Fort Lewis, Wash., where he was stationed with an infantry regiment.

They arranged a short leave period in which to marry and celebrate a honeymoon. The groom arrived in Atlanta Friday, they were married and then parted again Sunday morning.

Speaking of their marriage, Auxiliary Ransome said, "I hope we meet again overseas. It is barely possible. But if we do, I'd better not try to pull his rank on me."

Auxiliary Ransome who has been in service since January 1943, is assigned to the army post office here where she works as a file clerk.

Lt. Ransome is a native of Hartford, Conn.

bars were, Thomas W. Jones, Hqs. Co., 2nd Battalion, Orville E. Bloch, Company I, Lloyd H. Colter, Cannon Company, O. T. Dalton, Jr., Company K, Dwight C. Robert H. Lewis, Jr., Company L, William R. Murphy, Hqs. Co., 3rd Battalion, and Cornelius O. Shanahan, Jr., Anti-Tank Company.

Georgia people last year planted 30,000 new gardens—15,000 on farms and an equal number in towns and cities, the Extension Service reports.

Cupid Assaults 10th Armored

11th Armored Reg't
Leads Division In
Total Marital Ties

Judging from the records of chaplains now attached to the 10th Armored Division, the 11th Armored Regiment has been more successful in "finding someone nice" to come home to than any other single unit in the division.

Of 102 marriages that have been performed by the present chaplains, 36, or more than a third, have taken place in the 11th. All but three of these were Protestant ceremonies while the others were Catholic.

By contrast, the 3rd Armored Regiment has supplied only three bridegrooms for weddings in the chapels of the Division. The 34th Armored Infantry Regiment has done somewhat better with a total of 10 weddings—but the 150th

Signal Company, only a fraction of the size of a regiment, has turned out five times to celebrate the nuptials of men in its ranks.

Other marital scores, as recorded by the chaplains are: Division Service Co., two; 80th Medical Bn., three; Supply Bn., one; 35th Engineers Bn., 10; 90th Reconnaissance Bn., five; 433rd F. A. Bn., seven; 420th F. A. Bn., three; 419th F. A. Bn., two, and 774th C. A. (A. A.) Bn., six.

The majority of the ceremonies, or 66, were Protestant. Only 14 were performed by Catholic chaplains and just two were Jewish ceremonies.

The figures do not include marriages performed by chaplains no longer attached to the Division or those performed outside of the Division area.

Nine Alligators Get Promotions

Nine enlisted men in the 124th Infantry were promoted in grade this week according to an announcement by the regimental commander, Col. John D. Hill.

Sergeants David T. Kohler, Marinette, Wis., and Charles H. Dav-

idson, Jacksonville, Fla., were sergeants. Privts. Edward E. Foss, Boston, Mass., Joseph J. Zapf, Baltimore, Md., Oakley A. Bull, Beach, Fla.; Ullis S. Anderson, Plant City, Fla.; and George C. Johnson, Madison, Fla., became new corporals.

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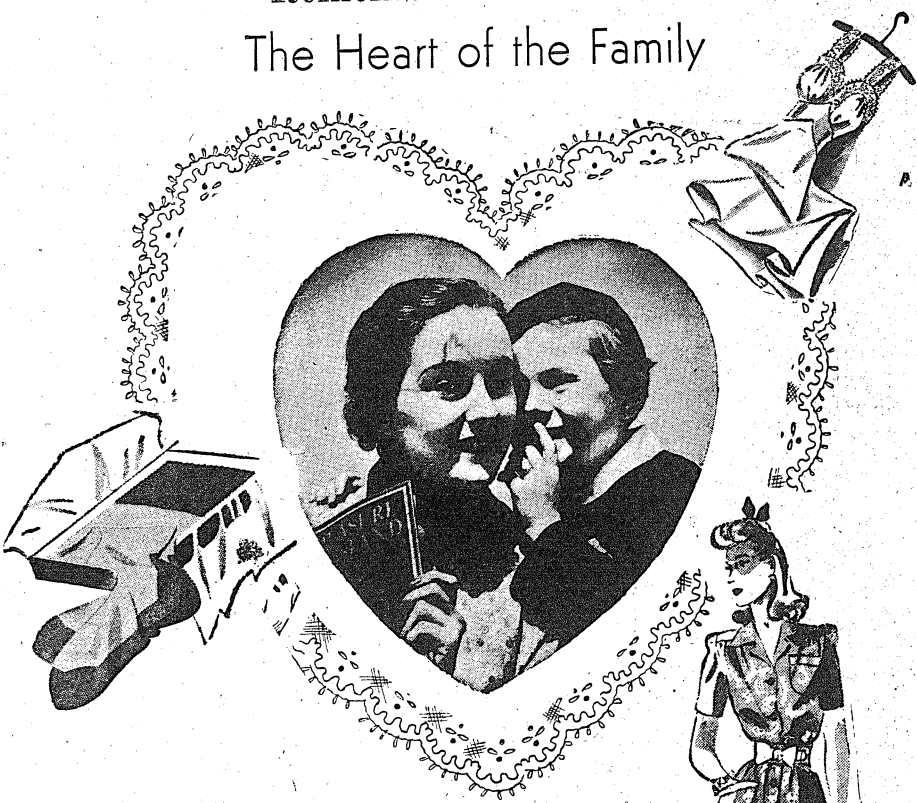
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2nd Regiment's 16th Company Leads In Bonds

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Nearly every week some company in the Second Student Training Regiment set up a new record for the rest of Fort Benning to shoot at. This time it is the 16th Company, which announced 100 per cent participation in cash purchases in the War Bond drive. As a result of an intensive one-week campaign, every man in the 16th Company purchased a Series E bond or a considerable amount of war saving stamps. Total cash sales amounted to \$3,708.50. The campaign, which is commanded by Capt. John S. Greenfield, with Lt. Roy A. Ostrom, Jr., as bond officer, Lt. Ostrom had to say about the method used to achieve the 100 per cent figure: "One reason for such a success was the fact that we conducted a campaign of persuasion, and periodically the standings were announced to the company, which had a miraculous effect in spurring on more sales."

"The Second Platoon was the first to reach the 100 per cent goal, with the Fourth Platoon having the highest volume very close behind. These two platoons each bought over \$1,000 worth of bonds and stamps. "The main thoughts which were brought before the company were that buying bonds now will mean a 'nest egg' when the war is over, and that we should have a part in our country's bond campaign this month. It should be a strong stimulus to prove to the civilian population that the men in uniform are likewise as eager to help by buying bonds as by giving their services to the nation."

Captain Tice Made Major

Captain Merton B. Tice, company commander of 1st Company, 1st STR, was promoted to rank of major, according to Colonel Robert Sharp, commanding officer. Major Tice, a native of Mitchell, S. D., is a graduate of the University of South Dakota with a B. S. degree. In college he was editor for the weekly newspaper of the University, and coach for the freshman basketball team. Being very active in sports he received letters in football, basketball, tennis and boxing. Major Tice, a Reserve Officer, received his ROTC training at the University of South Dakota and

2nd STR Officers Get Transfers To Other Posts

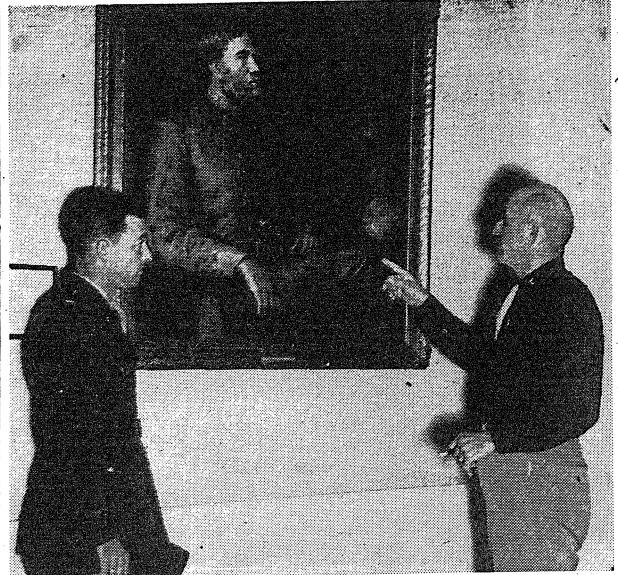
Five officers left the Second Student Training Regiment last week for duty elsewhere. Major John J. Hazel, commanding officer of the Fourth Battalion, is going to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Among the veteran officers of the regiment, major Hazel originally commanded Hq. and Hq. Co., and then went to the Fourth Battalion after coming to the advanced course at The Infantry School.

Capt. Norman R. Hueston, commanding the 8th Company, left last week-end for the advanced course on the Main Post, with Capt. Edwin Jenuisals replacing him in command of the 8th Company. Three other captains left this week for duty elsewhere. Capt. Jack W. Mahler of 14th Company, Capt. Fred A. Polombo of 17th Company, and Capt. Harvey W. Bush of 18th Company. Capt. James K. Robinson replaces Capt. Mahler in command of 14th Company. Capt. Polombo for a number of months was Regimental Special Service Officer before going to the 17th Company, where he was executive officer. Capt. Bush was executive officer of the 18th Company.

State Guard School Founded

Georgia Officers, Other 4th S. C. Men To Train

Establishment of a school for State Guard officers at Fort Benning was announced today by Brigadier General Eric Fisher Wood, commanding general of the Infantry School District No. 4. Selected officers from State Guard units in Georgia and other states in the Fourth Service Command will soon take special courses of training at this Army post. In announcing the new school, General Wood disclosed that these courses will be of one week's duration. The first course, scheduled May 2 through May 8, will be a company officers' course for guardsmen from Georgia. The second course, May 9 through May 15, will be for company officers from other Georgia units. The third course, May 16 through May 22, will be for guardsmen from other states. The fourth course, May 23 through May 29, will be for guardsmen from other states. The fifth course, May 30 through June 5, will be for guardsmen from other states. Each of the courses will enroll about 225 officers, General Wood said. The student-officers will attend demonstrations at Fort Benning's Infantry School as well as attend special lectures and demonstrations to be staged by officers attached to General Wood's headquarters. All guardsmen while stationed at Fort Benning will be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. In the present war, the school was called to active duty as a 1st Lieutenant Oct. 3, 1941, and reported to Fort Benning, for the Infantry. He attended a Rifle and Heavy Weapons course and graduated Mar. 6, 1942. After graduation Major Tice was assigned to First Student Training Regiment as a tactical officer.



LT. THOMAS WEEMS, Jr., hero of the Battle of Midway, is shown with his uncle, General George H. Weems, assistant commandant of The Infantry School, as they view an oil portrait of General Henry L. Benning, Confederate general, whose memory Fort Benning honors.—(Infantry School Photo.)

Cognomen 'Casey' Catches Candidate Christened 'K. C.'

Casey C. Brewer, an officer candidate in the 9th Company of the Second Student Training Regiment at the Infantry School, has a first name that is strictly C. "Here is how it happened. It was four years ago at Fort McClellan, Ala., when Brewer, who later became a first sergeant, was an army recruit. After the immemorial fashion of all rookies, Brewer stood a tremble, with the rest of his uncertain companions, before the commanding officer for the first roll call. "Brewer, K. C." came the call, and Pvt. Brewer sounded off as manfully as he could under the circumstances. "What," inquired the C. O., "does K. C. stand for in your name?" "That's my name, sir, K. C. Brewer." "Yes, I know, but what does K. C. stand for—Kansas City?" "No, sir, K. C. is all there is to it." The C. O. wrinkled his brows and considered. Then he began to beam as an idea smote him. "Well, Pvt. Brewer, although I am a married man, I have never had the privilege of naming a child, so I am going to name you. Henceforth, my boy, you shall be known to the Army as Brewer, Casey C." "Yes, sir," yessired Pvt. Brewer, Casey C., in a dazed voice, not yet quite sure what had happened to him.

'Fighting Welches' Do Their Bit For Country

Officer Candidate James Welch of the Sixth Company, Third Student Training Regiment, feels his family ought to be classified as the "Fighting Welches" and there are many who concur with him. Welch's 72-year-old invalid mother contributes to the war effort by sewing for the American Red Cross and through her activity as a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Redwood Falls, Minn. Two of his brothers, Frank and Chauncey, are veterans of World War No. 1, having served as first sergeant and second lieutenant, respectively. Another brother, John, is in officer's training at Aberdeen, Md., and a fourth brother, Charles, a corporal, is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. A sister, Gladys, is a lieutenant in the Army Nurses' Corps and is serving overseas. Last February a nephew of the candidate, Chauncey M. Erickson, was commissioned a second lieutenant through The Infantry School.

Canine Attends Tiger Lectures

Pup Grabs Platform Seat For Close View Of Illustrative Charts The Unknown Dog was one of the most interested students at the officers' assembly of the 10th Armored Division last week. Thirsting for knowledge, the Unknown Dog emerged from the woods at the approach of Major General Newgard's car to the Tiger Bowl. This dog—of the species popularly known as man's best friend and the soldier's pal—looked for a seat on the platform in order to get all the latest dope on division training. The Dog—Unknown—nodded a vigorous approval at the general's announcements concerning new drills, and showed a particular interest in the comments on vehicle drivers. Vehicles, this student indicated, must be driven with proper consideration for canine pedestrians. Colonel P. G. Hansen, division surgeon, delivered a lecture on army medical service, and the Unknown Dog, who had been forward to inspect each chart as it was presented to the audience, One or two of the charts really held his interest, but for the most part he considered a cursory glance sufficient, concentrating more on the attentive manner who were manipulating the displays.

Quartermaster Continues Paper Salvage Drive

Even though the national paper shortage has been greatly alleviated, the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Benning is still waging a ceaseless campaign to salvage all usable paper at the post, according to Col. Stephen B. Massey, Director of Supply. Recent instructions issued by the supply office at the post reiterate the care that should be taken in the classification and preparation of salable waste paper prior to its delivery to the salvage warehouse. It was emphasized that proper care should be taken that no greasy, waxed, or badly soiled paper, carbon paper, banana peels, stalks, glass, rubbish, or foreign matter be included in any grade of salable paper. Waste paper turned in to the salvage warehouse is classified as newspapers, magazines and books, Kraft wrapping paper, and corrugated boxes. The first three classes are tied flat in convenient bundles which average 75 pounds, while the boxes should have the bottoms opened and be flattened, then tied tightly in bundles averaging 100 pounds. Three times as many letters are written and received by the average soldier than when he was in civilian life. here will "live the life of a soldier," General Wood observed. They will be obliged to "stand reveille" and all other regular military formations for the week's course. The student officers will get practical work on rifle ranges, handling rifles as well as Thompson sub-machine guns. Prior to the establishment of the school at Fort Benning to serve guardsmen from the Fourth Service Command, four courses of special instruction had been held, two at this post and two at other stations in Georgia.

Tulane Prexy Visits 24th Gen. Hospital

Medical Officials Of School Included In New Orleans Group

Dr. Rufus B. Harris, president of Tulane University of New Orleans, La., was at Fort Benning last week for a short visit to the 24th General Hospital, otherwise known as the Tulane unit. Dr. Harris and his party composed of Dr. H. W. Kostmayer, dean of the college of medicine; and Dr. Alton B. Ochsner, professor of surgery, spent the day examining work of the unit's doctors at the station hospital. The party sat with Brig. General Walter S. Fulton, post commander; Colonel Edward A. Moyes, commanding officer of the station hospital, and Colonel Walter S. Royals, commanding officer of the 24th Hospital, in the reviewing stand at French Polo Field and observed a review in their honor. Later Dr. Harris, Kostmayer, and Ochsner were honored at a banquet in the Officer's Club. Most doctors on the 24th Hospital staff headed by Colonel Royals are Tulane graduates or former members of the university faculty who relinquished their teaching positions when the unit was called to duty. Among the latter are Lt. Col. Mims I. Gage, executive officer, who was associate professor of medicine; Lt. Col. S. H. Colvin, chief of the laboratory service, who was associate professor of pathology; and Lt. Col. R. P. Turner, chief of medical service, who is on leave from his post as assistant professor of pathology.

where they have put that knowledge to good use. In addition, he has written three Jap manuals which are now in use by our forces in the Pacific. Candidate Smith tells an interesting, and perhaps prophetic, story on himself. At the time that Japanese funds in Hawaii were "unfrozen" by the government, he sold \$42,000 in War Bonds to Japanese and citizens of that ancestry. Even the Nips know who's going to win the war!

Focal point of this study has been the history, religion, culture and language of the Japanese, part of which he acquired in research and teaching at the University of Hawaii, and part in actual physical contact with the Japs and things Japanese. PREPARES SOLDIERS When the Nipponese struck on that fatal December 7, Smith, a member of our Army, was ready. His lectures to officers and men of our Pacific bastion prepared hundreds of them for the day they would contact the enemy. Many of his former students have been on Guadalcanal and in other southwest Pacific areas.

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Once a member of an acrobatic troupe that played leading vaudeville houses and circuses, Knight, in 1931, built up a Spanish impersonation act in which he hurled knives and axes at a pretty partner. Some time before this he gained a knowledge of water movements as member of the crew of a private yacht and for experience in building enthusiasm among men he can point to another career as an announcer, lecturer and barker with circuses, midway shows and museums. These are only a few of the highlights in Candidate Knight's variegated life. "I believe," he says, "that at least 15 years of my life have been a preparation for this war." He taught acrobatic dancing and acrobatics to hundreds of persons who are still in show business today and he did engineering and pioneer work for a neon sign company, supervising the installation of some of the largest signs in the South. Just prior to entering the Army he became chief investigator for the Sarasota, Fla., Police Department, and as a hobby, joined the



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Powerful Spokes Capture Two Tilts At Gowdy Field

By SGT. MILTON LUBAN
With blood in their eyes and revenge in their hearts, the Infantry School All-Stars leave for Camp Wheeler Saturday morning where they play a night game against Camp Wheeler, followed by a game Sunday afternoon at the camp.

The Benning lads will be striving to break a hex which teams from Wheeler have held over them for 10, these many years; a spell which, over the past week-end, sent a powerful TIS nine down to a double defeat, 6 to 2 and 10 to 6.

Wheeler's jinx was devastatingly assisted by Babe Ellis who launched a one-man blitzkrieg in the two-game series, blasting out two triples, plus some brilliant singles. It seemed that everytime the fans looked up there was Ellis tearing around the bases while the Benning pitcher looked disgruntled.

Home runs by Cecil Travis and Bahnsen also contributed to the TIS double loss, plus some brilliant hitting by Vallo in the first game.

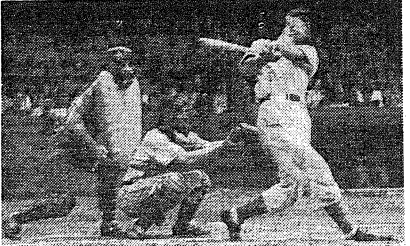
Both teams got only six hits in the first clash, but the lads from Wheeler made their heavier and more timely. The second game saw both outfits smacking the ball, but Benning was just pining at it while Wheeler—rather than knocking the cover off the ball for extra base wallop. Captain Hank Gowdy, in an effort to seek revenge, will probably throw Prendergast in against the Maconites. The TIS moundmen hurled good ball in the first game against Wheeler and with better luck—such as Ellis coming up with indignation or Travis getting into the ballgame and going to a movie—may reverse the result. Christie will probably pitch the second game.

The All-Stars now have a record of 6 won and 4 lost. Leading their attack is Buddy Lewis with an average of .500 in four games. Unfortunately Lewis had to miss the other six games because of military duties.

Simmons, in eight games, is batting .410 while McCluskey, playing all 10 games is hitting .367.

The complete batting record for TIS:

AB	R	H	Pct.	RBIs
Lewis	14	5	.350	1
Simmons	17	2	.118	4
McCluskey	31	8	.258	7
Williams	12	0	.000	3
Zientars	40	13	.325	2
Moore	39	11	.282	4
Dabs	32	7	.219	2
Mercer	25	4	.160	3
Barnberger	33	6	.182	7
Barnberger	18	3	.166	1
Stoker	15	0	.000	1



A MIGHTY CUT at the old apple is taken in this action shot of Buddy Lewis, erstwhile Washington Senator now playing with the TIS nine, driving an outfield fly in the Sunday game with Wheeler. Notice the cocked wrists of the big leaguer. The catcher is Lou Isert, once of Louisville, and the umpire is Clint Hill. (Signal Lab Photo by Stock.)

Leaders Begin to Appear In Tiger Diamond Loop

Several Nines Still Tied For First

Five teams in the Sand Hill league and four in the Cusseta league were undefeated at the close of the first full week of Tiger diamond play, according to official standings released by loop statisticians.

Although it is far too early to ascertain just what teams can be counted on to finish in the first divisions, at least half a dozen nines have already shown plenty of power, and pitching all down the line has been excellent.

In the Sand Hill circuit, the 3rd Armored Regiment, defending divisional champion, the 11th Armored Regiment and the 423rd Armored Regiment and the 423rd Armored Regiment are all tied for first place. A Battalion all looked like potential topnotchers in scoring crushing victories.

Cusseta loop lay has revealed that the Maintenance Battalion, defending league titlist, 744th T. D. Battalion, 455th C. A. (AA) Battalion and Supply Battalion all have the stuff of which pennant winners are made.

Outstanding feature of the opening week's play were the stellar jobs turned in by the moundmen, two three and four hit performances being common occurrences. Even the losing pitchers turned in neat chores in most games, poor support costing them well-pitched games.

53rd Hospital Nine Triumphs To Top League

Seward Hurls Team To Impressive Win Over Paratroopers

George Seward hurled sterling five-hit ball last night at Gowdy field as he pitched the 53rd General Hospital nine to a convincing 1-0 win over the Paratrooper school.

The triumph made it two straight for the Medicos and gave them possession of first place in the Fort Benning league.

The slim right-hander's wide-sweeping curves completely baffled the chutists and had them reaching for the horseshide all night. Seward racked up eight strikeouts and scattered the five hits he allowed over as many innings.

The mound performance of the Medico ace was by far the best of the season at Gowdy field and was performed under half-and-half lighting conditions. The game started at 7 o'clock and the first half was played in the twilight with the powerful floodlights being turned on for the final four innings.

Behind Seward's effective mound was the 53rd Hospital nine cracked out a 10-hit attack which enabled them to win the game with ease. Pete Borden was the losing pitcher for the paratroopers, and although he gave up at least one hit in all but two frames, he was fairly effective.

No actual errors were recorded on the chutist nine's ledger, but several miscues helped the Medicos to runs. Three passed balls, two catcher's pop outs, accounted for a trio of the 53rd's tallies, while an "Alphonse and Gaston" act on a fly ball back of second base drove in two more tallies.

The lone Paratrooper school run came in the second frame when Hudson walked, stole second and caromed across on a timely safety by Dan Coyle. TPS centerfielder, Coyle, along with Boki in the losing game, hit his apiece in the losing game.

Bristow and Logan, the shortstopper and third sacker, respectively, were the big guns at the plate with two hits apiece while Johnny Byssesky scintillated in the field, accounting for seven unassisted putouts at first base.

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Seward ... 53rd—Seward and O'Toole. Paratrooper School—Borden and Arrow, Gilman.

3rd Armored Hq. Company Volleyball Kings

Upset Victory Scored Over Defending Champs 10th Armored Division

Defeating last year's champions in a major upset, Headquarters Co. of the 3rd Armored Regiment won the volleyball championship of the 10th Armored Division in a fast-moving battle. In taking the title the "pencil-pushers" of the 11th Armored Rcn. Co., 11th Armored Regiment, 15-12, 15-5.

The new champions, who claim that their "superb physical condition" is the result of lifting typewriters from one desk to another, were captained by M-Sgt. Sterling G. Thompson who also organized the team. The only officer on the team is 2nd Lt. Robert J. McPeak, who has been mainly responsible for most of the points scored by the 3rd this year.



UP AND AT 'EM yells Val Van Horn, 300th Infantry catcher, as he prepared to park under a foul fly back of the plate. The burly receiver will be seen in action Monday night at Gowdy Field when the 300th nine attempts to halt the Academic Profs in a night tilt at 8:30. Van Horn is also one of the big guns of the new infantry nine at the plate. (Signal Lab Photo by Stock.)

24th General Hospital To Clash With 513th Tonight

Fort Benning League Nines Meet At Gowdy In 7 O'clock Game

The 24th General Hospital club will make its baseball bow in the Fort Benning League at 7 o'clock tonight when the Medicoes tackle the 513th Parachutes in a twilight-floodlight tussle at Gowdy Field.

The paratroopers from the Alabama side of the river took a sound shelling in their first diamond outing from the 53rd Hospital, arch-rivals of the 24th, and will return tonight with blood in their eyes.

Both nines are still in the formative stages, and will probably have to play a few games before they can be said to have their chances.

24TH VS. 53RD

The 24th crew will have to reach their peak fast, however, because they are slated to oppose the loop-leading 53rd Medicoes in the nightcap of Sunday's twin bill at Gowdy. In the opener at 1:00 o'clock, Lawson Field and the Paratrooper School will clash in the attraction that was postponed from opening day a couple weeks ago.

A fourth Fort Benning League tilt carded for the next week will pit the 513th tossers against Lawson Field on Tuesday night in a 7:00 o'clock game. The Fliers have a potent club that may figure strongly in the title picture, especially if Buddy Lewis, the ex-Washington Senator, can find time to play.

Crack Skier In 3rd STR

Sees Construction Of Alpine Fortifications

After considering his experience in skiing and mountain climbing, and something he personally witnessed in Europe several years ago, Officer Candidate McGregor Gray of the Fourth Company, Third Student Training Regiment, has concluded he favors the mountaineers over other branches of infantry.

Gray, who is the son of Dr. C. H. Gray, president of Board College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y., captained the ski team of Reed College, Portland, Ore., for three years. He competed on such peaks as Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helena and Mt. Rainier and in Yosemite Park. He made the first ascent of Mt. Heyburn in Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains, regarded thereto as an "unclimbable" peak.

3rd STR Service Battalion Boasts Promising Fighter

Service Battalion of the Third Student Training Regiment is presenting another candidate for pugilistic laurels in the person of Timothy (Big Tim) Still.

Big Tim fights with the Panhandle Boxing Club of the battalion and says his early experience was gained in his Newark, N. J., neighborhood where the rule of the "survival of the fittest" prevailed. "It was fight or be mangled," Big Tim declares.

The fighter was conditioned by a stretch in the CCC where he entered an interstate boxing tournament. Then he entered the Golden Belt Tournament sponsored by the Newark A. C. and appeared at Madison Square Garden in New York. Turning professional before he was called by Uncle Sam, Big Tim achieved several meritorious victories over opponents of recognized ability.

Mat Champ Takes Course

A former intercollegiate wrestling champion (training as an officer candidate in the 11th Company of the Third Student Training Regiment here today) he can pin the backs of the Japs and Nazis to the ground and make them holler "Uncle Sam."

He is David S. Weiner, who won the title in the welterweight division of the eastern states while grappling with the Temple University team in Philadelphia, in 1937. Later in the same year he entered the Temple Law School and was awarded his degree.

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Profs Tounce Gator Tossers By 16-7 Count

Academic Regiment Wins Opener In TIS Loop Easily

The Academic Regiment Profs got off to a flying start Tuesday night in the Infantry School league race by mauling the 124th Infantry, 16 to 7. It was a wild game that featured 27 hits, 12 errors, 14 strikeouts, five walks, two passed balls, a hit batsman and a riotous ninth inning which saw the Gators come bouncing back with six runs after being held to seven hits for eight innings.

DICKINSON HURLS

Dickinson pitched brilliant ball for the Profs, holding the Gators to five hits and no runs up until the sixth inning when two hits and an error spoiled his shutout.

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Typical Platoon Leader Model Autumn 1943 Is 26, Tall, Rangy Athlete

The typical American young man who hopes to be a second lieutenant by summer and leading a platoon of Infantry into battle by autumn, is 26 years old, a high school graduate with maybe a year or less of college, and not so long ago was a clerk or a machinist, a salesman or a lawyer, or just a student who closed his books and put away his football to take a peek at the Axis. This description of the next crop of shavetails was found by a recent survey of officer candidates in a company picked at random in the Second Student Training Regiment at Fort Benning's Infantry School.

The ages of the candidates in this company are spread from 18 to 40, with the younger men predominating. They are a tall and rangy group, for the most part, and many of them have won various letters in three or four sports. They came from nearly every state in the union and from several foreign countries, one candidate being a Russian who had served five years in the French Foreign Legion before coming to the United States.

The ten leading occupations of this company of officer candidates before they entered the Army were, in order of the most numerous, as follows:

- 1. Clerks, students, machinists, salesmen, lawyers, factory foremen, farmers, store managers, teachers, auto mechanics.
- 2. There was not an ex-mayor in this particular company of officer candidates, but otherwise they came from enough varied occupations to be able to run a fair-sized city. One used to be a judge, and two were police officers, while still another was a plain-clothes operator. There was even an undertaker.

Two candidates could run a newspaper, and a third could print it. There was a letter carrier, who was taking a busman's holiday in the Infantry. Two bartenders were on hand, as well as a pair of brewery sales managers, rivals no doubt.

No doctors were available, but one mechanical dentist turned up. There were two bakers, but no butcher. The banking situation was well taken care of with a teller and an auditor.

If interested in a home, there was a real estate man, a contractor and a loan investigator, a linoleum layer and an interior decorator, a lighting expert and a landscape nursery manager. There was available to take calls, and a lineman to put them through. One man could manage a dairy, two could run restaurants. There was a florist, also a candy manufacturer and a silverware polisher. One candidate made toys, another a switchboard operator.

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BENNING'S FIRST contingent of W.A.A.C. officer candidates to be assigned to school at Fort Des Moines, Ia., are shown above as they await transportation to begin their trip. Captain Evelyn Rothrock, commanding officer of the 43rd Post Headquarters company, is distributing training material to his brood. Seated (left to right) are Cpl. Mary S. Landenslager and Cpl. Emile E. Dean. Standing are Cpl. Nancy V. D'Amico, Aux. Carol E. Couché, Sgt. Opal B. Aliff, Cpl. Ruth Lager and Cpl. Beatrice Tarnoff. (Signal Lab Photo.)

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PERSONALS

Capt. and Mrs. R. J. Sulley, Jr., 4 Roper Ave., had as recent guests their mother, Mrs. R. J. Sulley, Sr., and aunt Mrs. E. J. Sulley, from Orangeburg, S. C.

Friends of Mrs. J. V. Van Epps, 6 Roper, will regret to know that she has been confined to her home with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Garrett, 103E, had as guests over the week-end their mother Mrs. Lang from Omega, Ga., and their brother and sister Ensign and Mrs. Charles Lang of Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hays, 31C, spent the week-end in Atlanta, Ga.

Friends of the Rev. Mr. C. C. Davidson will be glad to learn that he is improving following a recent illness. His condition, however, is still very serious.

Capt. and Mrs. E. J. Bachino, 124 Clifton, returned last week from a visit to friends and relatives in New York City.

Capt. and Mrs. H. L. Shoemaker, 44 Rogers, are visiting relatives in Baton Rouge, La.

Friends of Capt. and Mrs. C. W. Saunders, 42 Roper, will regret to learn that their daughter, Judy, is ill.

Lt. Phil Avery from the Post was the guest of Chaplain and Mrs. Edwina C. Wilson Sunday.

Capt. and Mrs. C. H. McPherson, 4 Benning, Drive, recently returned from a visit in Columbus, O.

Miss Helen Hundermark of Atlanta, Ga., was the week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. H. W. Hundermark, 25 Fox.

Capt. Charles Cox, 9 Roper, is confined to the Station Hospital this week while undergoing a tonsilectomy.

Enlisted Men Go To Auburn

38 Chosen For AST; To Get Refreshers

Thirty-eight Fort Benning enlisted men reported to Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala., last week for refresher courses and classification in the army specialized training program, Lieut. Salvador Lloza, station supervisor of the ASTP announced today.

After taking the refresher course, the men will be classified as to whether they should take the basic or advanced courses offered by Auburn or other colleges.

The Women's Station Hospital is one of the three "Star Schools" currently being operated in the Fourth Service Command for classifying enlisted soldiers who have been selected for the courses.

The other two are The Citadel and North Carolina State College, colored enlisted men selected will be sent to the Agricultural and Technical School of North Carolina.

The establishment of these Star Schools, Lieut. Lloza reveals, is a new procedure just adopted by the Army in connection with the program. Although the function of classifying the selected men is being taken over by the Star Schools, selection and recommendation of the soldiers will remain the job of the board at Fort Benning and other camps.

Tiger Anti-Tank Platoon Scores Perfect Mark

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This was the signal for a general outburst from the men who had fired the shot. There was an excellent reason for this celebration. Out of the six guns of the Maintenance Battalion anti-tank platoon, not a one had scored less than a possible 40 points—which is perfect shooting in any man's army. Other units firing could do no better than to produce two guns with perfect scores.

Supplementing the record-breaking performance of the anti-tank platoon was the perfect showing made by the 37 mm. gun crews of the three letter companies. Practicing with sub-caliber ammunition as the anti-tank platoon was achieving its record-breaking score, the company crews later moved up to the firing line and came through with two hits each, which is a record for the platoon.

If you can't spend your money, see your paymaster or disbursing officer for details of the special savings plan called Soldier's Deposits, which is sponsored by the War Department. It pays interest of four per cent on deposits for six months or over.

Remember that anything which will disclose the enemy's position to you will show him your presence, so do not be careless in any way which might attract attention to your position.

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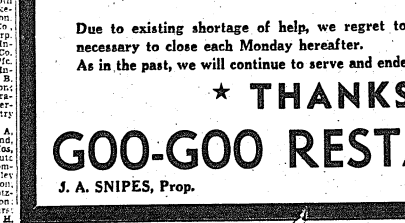
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7 Waac's Go To OC School

Are First From Post To Seek Commission

The first group of members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Fort Benning, to be selected to take the officers' training course in the WAACs' training camp at Fort Des Moines, Ia., where they will seek their commissions.

Seven enlisted members of the 43rd Post Headquarters company who have been assigned to Fort Benning with their company since March 5, have been serving in various jobs at the post headquarters while at Benning. As the members of the WAACs left their room, company Captain Evelyn Rothrock, company commander, and members of the company waved goodbye and sent them on their way.

The WAACs who were named to take officer candidate training are Technician Fourth Grade Opal B. Aliff, of Whitesville, West Va.; Technician Fifth Grade Nancy V. D'Amico and Emile E. Dean, of Philadelphia, Pa.; May S. Landenslager of Allentown, Pa.; Beatrice Tarnoff, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Ruth V. Zucker of Assinippi, Miss., and Auxiliary Carol E. Couché of Passaic, N. J.

Upon completing thirteen weeks of training at Fort Des Moines the candidates will be eligible for commissions as third officers, or as lieutenants in the Auxiliary Corps.

**Chemical Warfare
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Lt. Col. R. P. Tisdale, chemical warfare inspector from headquarters Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, visited Fort Benning last week for a routine check and inspection of the post's facilities against possible emergencies at the post.

Saturday a training film on chemical warfare was shown at the Main Theater, following which Colonel Tisdale lectured briefly on the necessity of adequate protection against poisonous gases.

All commanding officers are training officers along with four non-commissioned officers from each training unit of the Fourth Service Command attached.

**1st STR Officers
Softball League**

Lieutenant Joseph T. Casey, tactical officer of 18th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, is in full agreement with the morale building idea of his "Army Mother." His enthusiasm for the idea may have been increased by the fact that she has him judging the idea for its worth to the Army.

Several carefully prepared packages were received by Lieutenant Casey during the past week. The packages contain foods not easily obtained, wrapped in newspaper, and the samples to distribute these "fox hole rations" to soldiers traveling on trains and buses.

To those who well experienced the difficulty of obtaining food while traveling, "fox hole rations" should be a welcome innovation. The idea was recommended by the idea wholeheartedly.

TECHNICIANS GO TO SIGNAL CORPS SCHOOL

Privates Walter J. Bajerski and Burt W. Radon of the 1st Academic Regiment, Parachute School, have been raised to technicians fifth grade, according to an announcement received today.

They are now scheduled to attend radio technicians' course at the Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Bajerski is a native of Chicago, Ill., and Radon comes from Sacramento, Calif.

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Ordnance Shops Restore Crippled Cars, Trucks To Serviceability

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Crippled, wrecked and crumpled cars and trucks enter the shops of the Ordnance Motor Transport Branch at Fort Benning and leave the district as good or better than new.

Automobile parts deteriorated with rust are remetalized and put in better shape than when they came out of the factory. Missing automobile parts are manufactured right in the Fort Benning shops. Engines are rebuilt, battered fenders, cabs and bodies are revitalized and upholstery is manufactured. Batteries are brought to life or actually made in the shops from parts brought locally.

The shops even have a department for rewinding armatures for starters and generators. This department was originated in the Fort Benning shops, and at the present time no other district in the Fourth Service Command is equipped for this work, although they are expected to follow this branch's innovation. The department has been in operation here for the last two months.

700 VEHICLES MONTHLY
Equipped to repair all wheeled vehicles, including trucks, army cars and sedans, jeeps, peeps, tractors and trailers, the shops average completing advanced echelon repairs on 700 vehicles a month.

Operated under the general direction of Lieut. Col. Charles Carlton, chief of the Ordnance Motor Transport Branch at Fort Benning, and under the immediate supervision of First Lieut. M. A. Sutton, shop officer, the shops are equipped to make their own tools and jigs and even gasoline "mules" which are used for pushing and pulling trucks.

Every vehicle entering the district must go to the inspection department for a technical, motor or truck inspection, complete in every detail. No matter if the truck

normal size, the surface is ground and prepared by rough threading or arc welding. This is done so the lava-like metal sprayed on by equipment similar to paint spray-gun will stick to the metal part. After the flowing metal has been applied, the part is machined back to normal size and is likely to do service for a period longer than its original life.

The process can be used for a thousand different purposes as far as metal is concerned. Lieutenant Sutton states. Gasoline tanks rusted out through rust have been put back on the road again. Rear axle shafts, which are very expensive and virtually impossible to get, have been metalized on many occasions and put back to regular duty.

In the engine rebuilding room, engines are completely rebuilt when necessary. The shop does all its own reborring, crankshaft grinding and complete motor reconditioning.

All chassis work is consolidated in the chassis bay, where all heavy units like rear axles, transmissions, transfer cases, clutch assemblies and new engines are changed or installed. Frame straightening, wheel alignment and reconditioning are among the jobs performed.

BRAKE DEPARTMENT
The shops have a brake department for the reconditioning of all brakes, including the regrinding of brake drums, the relining of brake shoes and equipment for the brakes. The glass department installs all windshield and door glasses, which they cut and fit themselves, inasmuch as the glass comes in large sheets.

In collaboration with the sheet metal department, the shops run a blacksmith shop which does just about everything but shoe horses. The two departments are equipped to handle any kind of a ripping job, or fix up cars, trucks, water tanks, gasoline tanks or just about any kind of sheet metal which needs sheet-metal or welding work done.

The upholstery department repairs or makes all tarpaulins used as truck covers, manufactures its own slip covers and upholstery for automobiles and rebuild all seat covers just as a manufacturer would do, including coils, springs, padding and cover. The department gets its leather, canvas and upholstery material in large bolts. From then on, everything is made in a section.

BATTERIES REBUILT
The battery rebuilding department manufactures or repairs approximately 400 batteries a month for all types of vehicles. No worn-out battery is thrown away, and most of them are reused unless they are absolutely no good whatsoever.

The tire department repairs between a thousand and 1200 tires a month. Tires are retreaded, recapped, retreaded or repaired according to the damage. The motorcycle rebuilding department reconditions all the motorcycles at Fort Benning and 11 nearby districts.



"WISH IT WAS RAININ' TODAY; I ALWAYS FEEL BETTER ABOUT STAYIN' IN."

Major Donohoo In 3 Battles

Engagements Include Midway, Coral Sea And Solomon Isles

The Second Company, First Student Training regiment has a student officer who has probably seen as much actual combat in this war as any man in the United States Armed Forces. Major Malcolm O. Donohoo, U. S. M. C., has spent a great deal of the time since Pearl Harbor in the South Pacific area.

Aboard a cruiser in charge of Donohoo was at sea at the time of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor and spent the following months looking for the Japs in that area.

Major Donohoo has the enviable record of having three stars to wear indicating that he has taken part in three major engagements of this war all in the South Pacific area.

The Battle of Midway, the Battle of the Coral Sea and the bombardment of the Solomons at the time of the Marine landings there, all were participated in by Major Donohoo. He was in the 37mm. anti-tank gun battery in charge of the batteries on board the cruiser at the Solomons.

There is no difference between a limited service man and a non-combatant. Limited service means a soldier is incapable of performing combat duty due to certain physical limitations, so it follows that a limited serviceman and a non-combatant are similar.

Sgt. Hammond Is Warrant Officer

Master Sergeant John M. Hammond, after fifteen years in the U. S. Army specializing in radio communication, was made a warrant officer this week.

Hammond trained in the Canal Zone for three years before coming to the Infantry School Detachment in 1931 where he entered the communications section. He served as an assistant instructor until 1940 when he was promoted to senior enlisted instructor. He had held the rating of master sergeant since April, 1940, in the radio communication section where he will continue as an instructor.



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UNIT SECURES MACHINE SHOP
The Fourth Battalion, First Student Training regiment, now boasts one of the few combination machine and carpenter shops. These tools will be available to all companies of the battalion for repair purposes and for making useful items for the companies.

The paint shop paints the vehicles and manufactures its own stencils for stars, war department numbers and symbols. Aside from preliminary functions such as washing the car, a vehicle can be painted and ready for use in an hour. The paint job itself takes two men about 30 minutes, while the same amount of time is all that is required for the drying phase of the operation.

STEAM CLEANING
Complete with washracks, the shops have a steam cleaning department which takes grease off vehicles which cannot be cleaned by water. The shops also have busy carpenter shops. Ninety per cent of the Motor Transport's carpenter work in repairing, partitioning of shops, etc., is done by these shops.

The reclamation department, which is under the immediate direction of Capt. Thomas B. McBrayer, functions in cooperation with the repair shops and receives all worn parts and units to inspect them and determine if they are fit to be repaired. Such items as motors, transmissions, rear axle assemblies, transfer cases, clutch assemblies, generators and starters are inspected and segregated. Everything possible is repaired or salvaged. Approximately 99 per cent of the items are put back into use again.

SERVES WHOLE DISTRICT
The shops handle repairs and work out not only for the Post but for 11 other districts in the Fourth Service Command. These districts are camps, posts and stations in the states of Georgia and Alabama. The Ordnance Motor Transport District at Fort Benning is the head shop for all these districts.

Colonel Carlton's assistant in the Fort Benning district is Captain Branch F. Delaney, district executive officer. Lieut. Robert E. McLean is property officer; and Lieut. Joseph Rothman and William V. Rouse are respectively personnel officer and warehouse officer. Lieut. Kenneth D. Burr is in charge of the automotive activities of the Post Motor Pool, and is assisted by Warrant Officer R. W. Kittle, Lieut. Grant L. Ray is police and fire marshal for the district.

Lieut. Sutton, who supervises all the shops except the reclamation department which is under Captain McBrayer, has been in the truck business for 32 years, mostly in maintenance work. He spent six years in the experimental field with General Motors Corp. in Detroit, and at the time he entered the army again July 4, 1942, he was chief automotive advisor to the Brooklyn Army Base.

A veteran of the first World War, Lt. Sutton served for 27 months during that conflict, 24 months of which he spent in Europe. He was a senior grade sergeant (equivalent to the present day master sergeant) in the Quartermaster Corps, and handled repair shops and travelled as truck master with truck trains in France, Germany, Belgium and Italy. When he received his commission in this war, he was assigned to the quartermaster corps and sent to Fort Benning to work under the direction of Colonel Stephen B. Massey, director of supply. Lieutenant Sutton assures the fact he is now in the ordnance department doing the work for which he is primarily qualified to the fore-sight of Colonel Massey, who largely was responsible for his transfer to the present position.

244 CIVILIANS
A total of 244 civilian helpers and mechanics work in the shops. Oscar O. Goodrow, superintendent of the Motor Transport District Shop is assistant to Lieutenant Sutton. A Columbus, Ga., man, he spent 30 years in the automobile business, especially in service departments. Robert H. McNulty is chief clerk.

James B. McCoy is chief automotive advisor and was assigned to assist Colonel Carlton by the Fourth Service Command in Atlanta.

Several hundred soldiers have worked in the shops for training and experience and have been sent out to various units to do advanced repair work on vehicles.

The shop area extends from Anderson street to Edwards street between Vibbert and Upton avenues. At the present time, concrete is being laid on the area nearest Anderson street to prevent parked vehicles from becoming dirty and muddy while parked there awaiting repairs.

At present qualified to take care of tremendous numbers of vehicles and to do any sort of repairs, the shops are continuing to utilize and develop new and better methods every day.

The star appearing on the Defense Service Ribbon means the wearer had been in service a full year prior to Pearl Harbor. In the Navy, a star appears on the ribbon if the wearer had sea duty prior to Dec. 7, 1941.

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1st STR Officer Escapes Death Four Times In North Africa Battle

Lt. Wild Wounded While Landing, Then Strafed; Boat Later Torpedoed

Cats with nine lives have nothing to hold over the head of First Lt. Julius A. Wild, of Webster Grove, Mo., when it comes to bearing a charmed existence.

Lieutenant Wild, at present on duty with a basic class in the 7th company, First Student Training Regiment at Fort Benning, is a veteran of last fall's historic Allied invasion of North Africa. He left this country late in October with an amphibious division, and was among the first American soldiers to set foot on Axis-held soil.

The near unbelievable story of Lieutenant Wild's frequent escapes from death began an hour after his assault boat hit the beach near Fedala, in the Casablanca area. The boat had been at 0400, although skirmishes with shore batteries had been going on before the time set for mass landing. Shortly after 0730 Lieutenant Wild's wave hit shore, to be met by a sharp register from a French shore battery. Flying shrapnel felled Lieutenant Wild, and his active participation in the landing ended.

An aid man ran up to the lieutenant, applied compresses, then left. An hour passed, during which Lieutenant Wild's wounds numbed his whole body. When no further aid appeared, he began to crawl toward a naval aid station about 200 yards down the beach.

Halfway there, he fell prey to a French pursuit plane which strafed the beach around him. A chance slug went through Lieutenant Wild's helmet and burned his neck.

KNOCKS HIM FREE
Finally, he reached the aid station, where he stayed overnight. The next day, at 1000, a warning came down that a tank attack was expected at any moment. Before the news had cooled, dive-bombers began pounding away at a supply depot adjacent to the aid station. One stray missile screamed into the aid station, and Wild found himself floating through air as the concussion knocked him off his stretcher.

When quiet had again resumed, plans were made to evacuate the wounded to a "hospital" in Fedala. It turned out to be an old country club called the Casino in gayer days. There doctors worked feverishly over casualties, probing out metal without the benefit of anesthetics, which were at that isolated point, on the rationed list. As Lieutenant Wild put it, "We were only there long enough to get mighty uncomfortable from being excavated."

At last complete evacuation from the area was made, and the wounded were piled in a transport, to start their way back to the United States. Two hours after darkness had fallen on the improvised hospital ship, Lieutenant Wild once more found himself on the "meatblock."

More probing for shrapnel, again without anesthesia, was the next step, when suddenly the vessel lurched, struck broadside by an Axis torpedo.

TOWN OVERBOARD
Attendants bundled Lieutenant Wild, hustled him on deck, removed him from a stretcher, fitted him out in a life belt, then threw him overboard. For two hours everything was a nightmare.

"First thing I became conscious of," Wild recalled, "was the boat going down. I wasn't more than 50 feet away. It wasn't like the movies, suction and all. It just slipped under. All around me men were yelling for help, and the night was darker than I'd ever seen it before. Just before that sub got us, it had sunk an oil tanker, and there a slick of fuel oil all over the water."

"After a while a life raft picked me up, and I was as black as the proverbial ace of spades from the fuel oil. Three quarters of an hour later I was transferred to a landing boat, then to another trans-

Soldier Graves Registered By New Q. M. Units

Designed to Assure Proper Records Of Fallen Heroes

Organization of special units for the registration of graves of American soldiers who fall on foreign soil has just been ordered by the War Department, according to an announcement by Col. Stephen B. Massey, director of supply at Fort Benning.

The units, which will be under the supervision of the Army's Quartermaster Corps, are being organized in the various theaters of operation to insure proper temporary interment and to record the burial places of the men who die in combat.

Colonel Massey stated that special training given to the personnel of the Army's Graves Registration Service is expected to result in a considerable reduction in the percentage of unidentified American dead, as compared with that prevailed in the last war.

BEHIND COMBAT LIMITS
A unit of the new service will operate closely behind the combat area, burying the dead, recording and marking graves, and collecting personal effects. Except where combat interferes, overseas burials are approximately the same as those conducted in this country, with full military honors rendered and rites conducted by a chaplain of the deceased's own faith whenever possible.

When isolated graves are necessary, sketches and maps of the location are made as a part of the permanent record. When identification tags are lost, Graves Registration officers make every effort to establish the soldier's identity through personal papers, dental work and fingerprints.

COMPLETE RECORDS
Complete reports are rendered on all burials, according to Colonel Massey. They show the deceased's name, service number, grade and organization; place, cause and date of death.

Besides this function overseas, the Quartermaster Corps is also charged with the maintenance of all cemeteries in posts, camps and stations in this country, such as the large permanent burial plot at Fort Benning.

Bowl Heroes Reach Post

Bulldogs and Vols In Second Regiment

Fresh from college campuses, five R. O. T. C. men who helped to make football history in various bowl games have landed in the 26th Company of the Second Student Training Regiment.

Three of the former gridgers are from the University of Tennessee, which has sent quite a few grads to Fort Benning for the officer candidate course. They are Ike Peel, Bill Nowling and Bill Meek.

The Georgia Bulldogs, victors over U. C. L. A., by 9 to 0 last January in the Rose Bowl, are represented by Lamar Davis and J. P. Miller.

All three of the former Tennessee players are backfield men. Peel was rated the No. 2 blocking back in the Southeastern Conference for two years in a row, and was with the Vols when they met Southern California in the Rose Bowl in 1939 and Boston College in the Sugar Bowl in 1940. He made All-SEC while at Georgia and was on the receiving end of many seivals tossed by All-American Flatfoot Frankie.

Miller, a guard, was with the Georgians when they invaded the Orange Bowl in 1942.

Meek, a Birmingham, Ala., man, declined to be one of the "best" handsome athletes ever to perform on a Tennessee eleven, was a blocking back for the Vols in their two Sugar Bowl appearances.

Davis of Georgia played opposite the famous Frankie Sinkwich as right halfback on the Bulldog eleven, and also played in two bowls—Orange and Rose. He made ALL-SEC while at Georgia and was on the receiving end of many seivals tossed by All-American Flatfoot Frankie.

Determination without love makes a dictator out of anybody.

Activists incline to think of idealists as impractical men. The truth is that activists often put big men to work at small jobs. But a man of action guided by ideals, puts everybody to work at the biggest job in the world.

Soldiers stationed overseas must have an official permission to get married, just as a soldier does in the United States.

been featured in radio programs and has sung in night clubs and for movie shorts.



PLENTY OF THRILLS were on the program for nine Latin American editors who visited Fort Benning last Friday. After going aloft to watch paratroopers bail out into the air, they inspected the wind machine which demonstrates how the wind takes hold of the parachute. The interested spectators shown above are (left to right) Mario Vergara, of Las Ultimas-Noticias, Santiago de Chile; Mario Planet of La Hlora, Santiago, who was in Tokyo when General Duclutle's intrepid Americans raided the Jap capital; and Renato Silva of the Valparaiso Mercurio, Santiago. (Signal Lab Photo by Kortemecier.)

Barracks Boys Get Legal Aid

"Barracks lawyer," a term frequently used to connote contempt in the Army is applied with admiration and respect to two stalwart officer candidates in the 12th Company of the Third Student Training Regiment.

In Barracks 5449 of this company there are two barristers, Richard C. Ashby of Chillicothe, Mo., and Stuart F. Head of Charlottesville, Va. They also, are known as the "Gold Dust Twins" because of their small stature and they have won more friends than the representatives of any other profession.

They are invariably consulted for final opinions in controversial matters and when the company recently elected an honor committee, the first floor elected Head while the upstairs squads unanimously got behind Ashby.

Without proper food storage it's almost impossible to work out a real home food supply, according to the Georgia agricultural extension service.

3rd STR Candidates Enjoy Spontaneous Athletic Programs

Sports have taken the limelight as the principal extra-curricular interest of the Sixth Company, Third Student Training Regiment. A spontaneously planned boxing program last week had some interesting results and a schedule of events drawn up by First Lieutenant Robert J. Wilson has attracted a 100 per cent enrollment. The ring tournament was held during the company's recent tactical maneuvers, the gloves miraculously appearing one evening after chow. One mixup featured Ciro Ramirez, former Golden Gloves champion from Kansas City, and James Rand of Boston.

Interest in another featured bout, however, was divided between the fistfuls and the size of the contestants. The size of 15 shoes of one of the contestants, Candidate Von Behren. He fought "Tiny" Steel, a New York Golden Gloves titlist.

Lieutenant Wilson's program embraces baseball, volleyball, badminton, ping pong, horseshoes and softball. There is vigorous inter-platoon competition and personal rivalry has reached unexpected heights.

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